

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

IN RE: NEW ENGLAND COMPOUNDING  
PHARMACY, INC. PRODUCTS LIABILITY  
LITIGATION

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

All Actions

MDL No. 2419  
Master Dkt. 1:13-md-02419-RWZ

**THE PLAINTIFFS' STEERING COMMITTEE'S JOINDER IN DEFENDANT LIBERTY INDUSTRIES, INC.'S MOTION FOR A LOCAL RULE 16.1 CONFERENCE**

On June 25, 2014 Defendant Liberty Industries, Inc. ("Liberty") filed a Motion for a Local Rule 16.1 Scheduling Conference. (MDL Dkt. No. 1226). The Plaintiffs' Steering Committee ("PSC") hereby joins in and incorporates by reference Liberty's Motion. Because Liberty has withdrawn from the mediation program, there is no reason to further postpone targeted discovery which must eventually occur. The PSC has waited for two years to conduct discovery on behalf of many injured and deceased victims of this tragedy. Without mediation, discovery must occur for purposes of fairness to all parties and judicial efficiency. The PSC respectfully requests that this Court grant Liberty's Motion for a Local Rule 16.1 Scheduling Conference as it will allow this litigation to proceed most efficiently.

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Respectfully submitted,

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